

RECORD OF RESOLUTIONS

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Resolution No. 04-02

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**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE COLUMBUS METROPOLITAN
WASTEWATER FACILITIES PLAN UPDATE AND URGING THE OHIO
EPA TO INCORPORATE THE ELEMENTS CONTAINED IN THE
COLUMBUS PLAN INTO ALL CENTRAL OHIO CLEAN WATER ACT -
URBAN WASTE TREATMENT (SECTION 208) MANAGEMENT PLANS.**

WHEREAS, the Columbus Metropolitan Facilities Plan Update addresses regional wastewater management needs through 2020 for the largely urban and suburban Columbus Metropolitan Facilities Planning Area (MFPA), and has a goal of protecting our water quality while meeting the demands of regional growth; and,

WHEREAS, extensive public funds and time were expended by the City of Columbus over a 2-year period to update the Plan, including seeking the input of stakeholders throughout Franklin County; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus receiving the support of 15 municipalities representing 80% of the population of the MFPA for the final plan update, as well as the support of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC); and,

WHEREAS, the existing centralized sewer systems have the capacity to treat wastewater throughout the area with an area wide waste treatment management that has been recognized by Congress under the terms of the Clean Water Act to be the environmentally superior method of wastewater treatment; and,

WHEREAS, alternative wastewater treatment systems: distribute treated wastewater directly onto fields thereby possibly contributing to groundwater and other forms of non-point source pollution; prevent communities that have already constructed millions of dollars worth of sewer infrastructure from maximizing on their investment; impede the development of the existing centralized sewer systems; and for these reasons and others are banned under the Columbus Plan Update; and,

WHEREAS, alternative wastewater treatment systems are not environmentally suited to much of the land inside the MFPA and are not regulated by the Ohio EPA other than the initial Permit to Install; and,

WHEREAS, alternative wastewater treatment systems are inappropriate to urban areas and could promote the rapid conversion of remaining rural and agricultural land into developments of subdivisions at suburban densities, a practice in direct contrast to good land use planning; and,

WHEREAS, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency is charged with the responsibility of protecting the environment and following the provisions of the Clean Water Act and City Council would strongly urge the Ohio EPA to support the planning decisions made by the overwhelming majority of jurisdictions that united collaboratively to develop a consensus; and,

WHEREAS, the future environmental quality of Central Ohio will be directly impacted by the Ohio EPA's decision in this area;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Dublin, County of Franklin, State of Ohio, 7 of the members concurring:

Section 1. That Dublin City Council does hereby urge the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to incorporate the Columbus Metropolitan Facility Plan Update into all relevant Section 208 area wide waste treatment plans and to amend Ohio's water quality management plan within the earliest possible time frame to reflect this incorporation.

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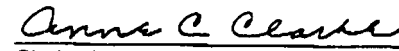
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Section 2. This resolution shall be in force and effect immediately upon its passage as provided under Section 4.04(a) of the Revised Charter.

Passed this 22nd day of January 2002


Mayor - Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


Clerk of Council